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Privies and Cesspools—Construction and Maintenance—Disposal of Contents. (Reg. Bd. of H., Sept. 8, 1914.)

SEC. 21. *Privies and cesspools, construction and maintenance of.*—Cesspools and sinks are prohibited within the city of Wilmington and the village of Wrightsville Beach. Surface closets are declared unlawful anywhere within the limits of the county of New Hanover; privies or closets, as hereinafter provided for, may be maintained within the county where and while premises are not accessible to any approved system of sanitary sewers. It shall be the duty of all persons, firms, or corporations having, owning, or controlling privies or closets, when not so accessible to and unconnected with any approved sanitary sewer system, to have and use at all times in connection therewith portable, water-tight receptacles in which to receive and collect all excreta. Such privies or closets must be so constructed and equipped as to permit the proper and easy handling, placing, and removal of such receptacles and the contents thereof by scavengers. Such privies or closets shall be so equipped and maintained as to prevent all night soil and other closet matter from reaching the ground, and must at all times be so constructed and screened as to prevent the access of flies to all excreta therein. It shall be the duty of those owning or controlling premises on which such privies are located to cause the contents of such receptacles to be constantly deodorized. Privies or closets situated outside the city of Wilmington and not accessible to any approved sewer may be constructed under the plan known as the L. R. S. privy: *Provided*, That the receptacles shall be at all times impervious to water and the effluent so disposed of as the board of health may approve in the interest of health.

SEC. 22. *Privies, inspection of, permit for.*—Every person, firm, or corporation owning or maintaining, or who may hereafter erect or cause to be erected, maintain or cause to be maintained, any privy or closet in the city of Wilmington, not connected with the sewer system, or who within 1 mile in every direction in the county from the limits of the city of Wilmington shall erect or use any privy or closet not connected with a sanitary sewer, shall secure and hold therefor a permit from the board of health. It shall be the duty of the county health officer to cause all such privies or closets to be inspected at such intervals as he may designate or as may be found necessary in the interest of health. No permit hereunder shall be issued unless such privy or closet is located, constructed, kept, and maintained in accordance with the provisions of these regulations and is in a satisfactory sanitary condition. Any permit granted hereunder may be suspended or revoked by the said county health officer or by the board of health when upon inspection any such place is found to be located, constructed, equipped, or maintained in violation of these regulations after reasonable notice is given to remedy conditions.

SEC. 23. *Privies accessible to scavengers and inspectors, location.*—All privies provided for in these regulations shall not be located with in 10 feet of any street or public highway and shall be in all cases easy of access to the sanitary police and scavengers.

SEC. 24. *Privies, cleaning of.*—Every privy shall be cleaned at least once in every two weeks: *Provided, however*, That where a privy is used by a number sufficient to create a nuisance, when cleaned according to the foregoing, then it shall be cleaned sufficiently often to prevent its being a nuisance: *Provided further*, That the cleaning of any privy may be required as frequently as conditions of sanitation and health, upon investigation, are found by the county health officer, or any health officer, to make such necessary.

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SEC. 26. *Privies and cesspools discontinued, removal.*—It shall be the duty of the county health officer to notify the owner of any such property as described in section 25, his agents or tenants, to remove and discontinue all such privies, closets, sinks, or cesspools and to give said owner definite time limit in which to remove the same and to comply with the regulations provided. If the owner shall refuse or neglect to

remove or remedy such privies, closets, sinks, or cesspools, it shall be the duty of the county health officer to remove or cause to be removed such nuisances, and the cost of removing the same shall be collected in such manner as may be provided therefor by law. Nothing herein shall be construed to exempt any such owner or person from the penalties imposed by law.

Scavengers—License—Regulation of. (Reg. Bd. of H., Sept. 8, 1914.)

SEC. 27. *Scavenging, supervision of, reports, licensing, vehicles.*—It shall be the duty of the health department of the county of New Hanover to supervise the removal of excrement from privies and the removal of offensive slops, offal, carrion, organic waste matter, and kitchen refuse, and said department may, when necessary for the preservation of health and upon approval by the county board of health, secure and maintain proper equipment therefor. No firm, person, corporation, or municipality (other than employees of the health department engaged in such public work) shall engage in the business of removing, carting, or carrying through any of the streets or public highways in the county of New Hanover the contents of privies or offensive organic waste matter or kitchen refuse in any cart, wagon, truck, handcart, or other vehicle unless such person, firm, corporation, or municipality, together with the equipment used, shall be duly licensed or authorized by the county board of health for that employment and purpose. Vehicles and vessels used in the removal of the contents of privies, garbage, carrion, or other offensive waste matter shall be water-tight and be so maintained as to prevent the escape of any of their contents. All such vehicles and vessels so used shall be provided with air-tight lids or covers which will (and shall be so used as to) prevent the escape of offensive odors and the contents therefrom. Inspections of vehicles and equipment so used shall be made from time to time by the health department and where any vehicle or equipment is found to be or to have become unsuitable for the purposes for which it was intended and authorized it shall be the duty of the board of health to condemn the same, and no vehicle or other equipment so condemned shall again be used in such work until the same shall have been satisfactorily repaired or replaced by equipment meeting the approval of the board of health for such purposes.

SEC. 28. *Scavenging, superintendent of, responsible.*—Every person, firm, corporation, or municipality licensed or authorized by the county board of health to collect and remove the contents of privies, slops, garbage, offal, kitchen refuse, or other offensive organic waste in any city, town, or village, of New Hanover County shall designate some person who shall be superintendent of such collection and removal of waste as above described and who shall be primarily responsible to the county board of health for the proper performance of such scavenger service.

SEC. 29. *Scavenging, superintendent to furnish bond.*—A satisfactory bond or deposit in the sum of \$200 for the faithful performance of his duties and the strict observance of these and such other regulations that may be passed by the county board of health regulating and governing scavenging and other service provided for in the preceding sections shall be required of every superintendent thereunder designated before entering upon his duties.

SEC. 30. *Scavengers, license, subject to orders of board of health, reports.*—Persons, firms, municipalities, or corporations licensed or authorized by the county board of health to remove the contents of privies or closets, or licensed or authorized to remove offensive organic waste matter, as the case may be, shall be subject to the orders of the county board of health in matters relating to the disposal of the contents of privies, the time in which cleaning of privies shall be done, the manner of removing privy contents and receptacles containing such contents, the place or places to which night soil or decaying or putrid or dangerous matter may be removed, and the time and manner in which garbage, carrion, kitchen refuse, and other organic waste shall